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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **Buckbinder, et al.**

Examiner: M. Haddad

APPLICATION NO.: **09/972,467**

Group Art Unit: 1644

FILING DATE: **October 5, 2001**

TITLE: **ADAMTS Polypeptides, Nucleic Acids  
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**RESPONSE**

This document responds to the Office Action in the above case mailed December 30, 2002, requiring a response by January 30, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response, thereby extending the period for response from January 30, 2003 up to an including February 28, 2003.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

In the July 2, 2002 official action, the Examiner requested that Applicants submit corrected formal drawings. This request was repeated in the December 30, 2002 official action. Applicants request that the requirement of correcting the formal drawings for this application be held in abeyance pending the determination of allowable subject matter. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.85(c), if a corrected drawing is required or if a drawing does not comply with §1.84 at the time an application is allowed, the Office may notify the applicant and set a three month period of time from the mail date of the notice of allowability within which the applicant must file a corrected or formal drawing in compliance with § 1.84 to avoid abandonment. Thus, Applicants may file corrected formal drawings after the mail date of the notice of allowability and Applicants respectfully request that the requirement to submit corrected formal drawings at this time be held in abeyance.

Respectfully submitted,

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